



IV.-B.

Agenda Item

County of Hanover

Board Meeting: February 25, 2015

Subject: Adoption of Proclamation – Ernest H. Mason, South Anna Magisterial District

**Summary of
Agenda Item:** It is requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached proclamation recognizing and expressing appreciation to Ernest H. Mason for his years of service to Hanover County and wishing him well in the years ahead.

**County
Administrator's
Recommended
Board Motion:** A motion to adopt proclamation

DRAFT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Ernest H. Mason is a resident of the South Anna Magisterial District in Hanover County, Virginia, and began his service with Hanover County in 1958 as a teacher at Henry Clay High School; and

WHEREAS Ernest H. Mason continued serving as a teacher in Hanover County for the 1959-1960 school year at Patrick Henry High School until he was appointed principal at Montpelier Elementary School serving during the 1960-1961 school year; and

WHEREAS from 1969 to 1985 Ernest H. Mason worked for Hanover County Public Schools as Elementary Supervisor, Director of Personnel and Administrative Director of Personnel and Management; and

WHEREAS Ernst H. Mason was appointed by the Circuit Court of Hanover County, Virginia to fill the vacancy of County Treasurer and served in that capacity from September 16, 1985 through December 31, 1995; and

WHEREAS Ernest H. Mason has given of his time, talent and energy to Hanover County in his service on various committees including the Bicentennial Committee, Citizens' Advisory Committee, and Courthouse Committee; and

WHEREAS Ernest H. Mason was appointed by the judges of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia to the Hanover County Electoral Board, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 24.2-106, and has served since June 6, 2003; and

WHEREAS during the service of Ernest H. Mason on the Hanover County Electoral Board, the Electoral Board elected him to the position of Secretary, and he energetically participated in all facets of the registration, election and administration of elections; and

WHEREAS Ernest H. Mason gave faithful attention to maintaining compliance with legal requirements and to administering the voting functions in a manner conducive to full participation by all residents in the election process, thereby, enhancing the County's election process; and

WHEREAS during the tenure of Ernest H. Mason he was elected as the Treasurer of the Virginia Electoral Board Association; conducted thirty (30) elections, including General Elections, Primary Elections, Special Elections, Recounts and Ashland Town Elections; recruited citizens to serve as Officers of Elections; recognized the end of the term of one (1) General Registrar and appointed another; saw the Department of Justice approval of Hanover County's application for a Voting Rights Act bailout, with officials saying the County had met all requirements, including a spotless decade-long record with no violations of the Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS Ernest H. Mason has performed valuable public service for the residents of Hanover County in various roles for more than 50 years, most recently through his active participation and dedication to the work of the Electoral Board and to the goal of providing efficient and fair voting practices within the County; and

WHEREAS Ernest H. Mason's term on the Hanover County Electoral Board will end on February 28, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hanover County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its grateful appreciation to Ernest H. Mason for his many years of service to Hanover County and wishes him well in the years ahead.